

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 29, 2004 – 6:00 P.M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Rick Osbon
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Osbon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Establish Operating, Capital and Debt Service Budgets for Aiken County, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 Through June 30, 2005; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for County Operations, Capital and Debt Service; to Provide for All Other Estimated Revenues and for the Appropriation Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. (County Council) (Third Reading)

a. **TO BE CONSIDERED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

2. Proposed Ordinance to Levy and Impose a One Percent Sales and Use Tax, Subject to a Referendum, Within Aiken County Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-10-300, et seq.; to Define the Specific Purpose or Purposes and Designate the Projects for Which the Proceeds of Such Tax May be Used; to Provide the Maximum Cost of the Projects or Facilities Funded from the Proceeds of Such Tax and the Maximum Amount of Net Proceeds to be Raised by Such Tax; to Provide for a County-Wide Referendum and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question in Such Referendum; to Provide Conditions Precedent to the Imposition of Such Tax and Condition or Restrictions on the Use of Such Tax Revenue; to Establish a Formula by Which Multiple Projects are Funded Simultaneously; to Provide for the Conduct of Such Referendum by the Registration and Election Commission of Aiken County, to

Provide for the Administration of Such Tax, if Approved; to Provide for the Payment of Such Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.
(County Council) (Second Reading) (To Be Distributed) (**Moved from Consent Item 4**)
(TO BE CONSIDERED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION)

(E) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non Profit Agencies from the FY 2004 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)
2. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Grant from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism for the Marketing of Langley Pond Rowing Regattas.
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Grant from Bridgestone Firestone for the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department for Enhancements to the Department's Summer Programs.
(County Council)
4. **MOVED TO OLD BUSINESS ITEM 2**
 - a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Butler seconded.
 - b. The following allocations were made from the Contingency Fund:

1.	Wagener Garden Club	\$84	District 6
2.	Aiken County Community Partnership	\$500	District 6
3.	Hall Gaffney Women's Learning Center	\$500	District 6
4.	Parks, Recreation & Tourism	\$510	District 6
5.	SORBA-CSRA	\$250	District 7
6.	County Council Auditorium	\$300	District 7
7.	Alpha Phi Alpha	\$250	District 8
8.	Nicholson Village Community Park	\$247	District 8
9.	Marine Corps League	\$403	At-Large
10.	Bath Fire Department	\$500	At-Large
 - c. Councilwoman Rawls made a motion to amend the Consent Agenda by moving Consent Item 4 to Old Business Item 2. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - d. The motion to amend the Consent Agenda passed by unanimous vote.
 - e. The amended Consent Agenda passed by unanimous vote.

- f. Councilman Osbon made a motion to recess for an Informal Worksession. Councilman Butler seconded.
- g. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED FOR INFORMAL WORKSESSION – 6:24 P. M.

- a. The latest draft of the Capital Projects Sales Tax ballot was distributed by Mr. Killian. Council and Mr. Killian reviewed, discussed, and critiqued the ballot.
- b. Following the Informal Worksession, Councilman Smith made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilman Osbon seconded.
- c. The motion to recess for Executive Session passed by unanimous vote.

(F) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

- 1. Fiscal Year 2004 Aiken County Contingency Report as of June 16, 2004.

RECESSED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:14 P. M.

(G) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Personnel Matters

RECONVENED – 8:49 P. M.

(D) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Councilman Butler made a motion that Old Business Item 2 be addressed before Old Business Item 1. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.
- b. The motion to consider Old Business Item 2 prior to Old Business Item 1 passed by unanimous vote.
- 2. Proposed Ordinance to Levy and Impose a One Percent Sales and Use Tax, Subject to a Referendum, Within Aiken County Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-10-300, et seq.; to Define the Specific Purpose or Purposes and Designate the Projects for Which the Proceeds of Such Tax May be Used; to Provide the Maximum Cost of the Projects or Facilities Funded from the Proceeds of Such Tax and the Maximum Amount of Net Proceeds to be Raised by Such Tax; to Provide for a County-Wide Referendum and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question in Such Referendum; to Provide Conditions Precedent to the Imposition of Such Tax and Condition or Restrictions on the Use of Such Tax Revenue; to Establish a Formula by Which Multiple Projects are Funded Simultaneously; to Provide for the Conduct of Such Referendum by the Registration and Election Commission of Aiken County, to Provide for the Administration of Such Tax, if Approved; to Provide for the Payment of Such Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.
(County Council) (Second Reading) (To Be Distributed) (**Moved from Consent Item 4**)
 - a. Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote with Councilwoman Rawls, Councilman Singer, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Smith, Councilman Butler, Councilman Barton,

Councilman Osbon and Chairman Young voting in favor. Councilman Hightower voted present.

1. Proposed Ordinance to Establish Operating, Capital and Debt Service Budgets for Aiken County, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 Through June 30, 2005; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for County Operations, Capital and Debt Service; to Provide for All Other Estimated Revenues and for the Appropriation Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. (County Council) (Third Reading)

- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to approved the FY 2005 Budget. Councilman Butler seconded.
- b. Mr. Killian advised Council that staff was recommending a cap of \$150,000 for the County's Self Insurance Program.
- c. The consensus among Council was to address each Budget Revision individually. Those Revisions and the votes are recorded as follows:

<u>FUND / DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>
1. 001 – County Council	001-1001-411-90-59	\$20,000

a. Passed by unanimous vote.

2. 001 – Finance	001-1591-415-80-26	\$15,000
Move grant match request to Reserve Supplies		

a. Passed by unanimous vote.

<u>FUND / DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>INCREASES</u>
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001 – Council

3. Mileage	001-1001-411-45-01	\$1,000
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a. Passed by unanimous vote.

4. Codification of Ordinances	001-1001-411-70-42	\$1,500
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a. Passed by unanimous vote.

5. Andrew Blocker Martial Arts	001-1001-411-70-49	\$30,000
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6. North Augusta Boxing Club		\$30,000
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a. Councilman Butler made a motion to decrease the two grant match requests to \$15,000 each. Councilman Smith seconded.

b. The motion to decrease the grant match funds passed by majority vote with Councilwoman Rawls, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Smith, Councilman Butler, Councilman Osbon and Councilman Hightower voting in favor. Councilman Singer voted in opposition. Councilman Barton and Chairman Young abstained.

001 – Information Technology

7. Upgrade to Treasurer's Software	001-1938-419-90-57	\$105,750
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a. Passed by majority vote with Councilwoman Rawls, Councilman Singer, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Smith, Councilman Butler, Councilman Barton, Councilman Osbon and Chairman Young voting in favor. Councilman Hightower voted in opposition.

001 – Sheriff

8. Console	001-2151-421-90-56	\$50,000
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9. Reserve Supplies	001-2152-421-20-66	\$15,000
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10. Tower Grounding	001-2152-421-90-56	\$75,000
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a. Items 8, 9, and 10 passed by unanimous vote.

11. 001- ABBE Regional Library	001-5501-481-80-84	\$40,000
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a. Passed by unanimous vote.

12. 510-Hydrogen Lab	510-0000-363-20-00	\$1,000,000
	510-3111-431-40-32	\$1,000,000

a. Passed by unanimous vote.

b. Councilman Butler made an amendment motion to the Budget to split the Aiken Technical College funding into two, six month payments at \$171,000 per each interval, until some form of negotiation is underway to accommodate County Council's request for representation on the Aiken Technical College Board. Councilwoman Rawls seconded the motion.

c. Councilman Smith made a motion to amend the amendment to formally send a letter from County Council to the Legislative Delegation to request restructuring of the Aiken Technical College Board of Trustees to insure that Aiken County Council has voting representation on the Board of Trustees. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.

d. Councilman Smith's amendment passed by majority vote with Councilwoman Rawls, Councilman Singer, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Smith, Councilman Butler, Councilman Barton, Councilman Osbon and Councilman Hightower voting in favor. Chairman Young voted in opposition.

e. Councilman Butler's motion passed by majority vote with Councilwoman Rawls, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Butler, Councilman Barton, Councilman Osbon, and Councilman Hightower voting in favor. Councilman Smith and Chairman Young voted in opposition. Councilman Singer abstained.

f. Councilwoman Rawls made a motion to shift a mil from the funds budgeted for USC-Aiken back into the General Fund in order to balance the Budget. The amendment was made with the understanding that it would be necessary to shift the mil back to USC-Aiken in the next fiscal year. Councilman Osbon seconded.

g. The motion to shift a mil passed by unanimous vote.

h. The original motion to pass the FY 2005 Budget passed by unanimous vote with Councilwoman Rawls, Councilman Singer, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Smith, Councilman Butler, Councilman Barton, Councilman Osbon and Chairman Young voting in favor. Councilman Hightower voted present.

i. Councilman Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Osbon seconded.

j. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(H) ADJOURNMENT – 9:21 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman